



STATE OF MAINE
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS
AND ELECTION PRACTICES
135 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0135

AGENDA

Meeting of January 8, 2003

1:00 p.m., Commission Offices, 242 State Street, Augusta, Maine

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Ratification of Minutes of November 27, 2002 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Report of Status of Non-Filers, Late Filers, and Referrals to the Attorney General: Report on the status of candidates who have not filed required 2002 accelerated reports and those who have filed late accelerated reports; and report by Commission Counsel on the status of cases that have been referred to the Attorney General for appropriate enforcement action.

3. Complaint of Failure to Register and Report; Paul Volle, The Christian Coalition of Maine: By letter dated October 30, 2002, Brenda Broder, Westbrook Citizens for Equal Rights, filed a formal complaint regarding Paul Volle's and/or The Christian Coalition of Maine's failure to register and report financial activities based upon various advertisements (e.g., The American Journal) and signs.

4. George A. Christie, Treasurer, Dirigo Alliance; Request to Pay Penalty in Installments: By letter dated November 21, 2002, Mr. Christie notified the Commission of Dirigo Alliance PAC's offer to pay its \$1,100 outstanding penalty in installments of a minimum of \$100 per month beginning December 1, 2002, with a goal to pay the full penalty amount by June 1, 2002. Mr. Christie's letter did not include any supporting justification for the Commission to approve installment payments at this time. The Commission tabled final consideration of this matter pending receipt of a statement from Dirigo Alliance containing sufficient bases to warrant the Commission's approval of the payment plan Mr. Christie proposed. Mr. Christie has not responded to the Commission's letter dated December 5, 2002.

5. Commission Penalty Determinations:

A. Hon. Michael McAleve:

6-Day Pre-General Report

Due 10/30/02; Filed 11/3/02 - 4 days late

Penalty: \$1,929.12

B. Richard Pelletier, Treasurer, People for a Strong Maine Economy:

48-Hour Reports of Late Expenditures

Due 10/26-28/02; Filed 10/30-11/1/02 - 2 days late (see spreadsheet itemization)

Penalty: \$2,234.58



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6-Day Pre-General Report

Due 10/30/02; Filed: 11/1/02 – 1 day late

Penalty: \$19.68

B. Calvin H. Hamblen:

6-Day Pre-General Report

Due 10/30/02; Filed: 11/4/02 – 5 days late

Penalty: \$61.15

C. Elizabeth Dupre:

6-Day Pre-General Report

Due 10/30/02; Filed: 11/15/02 – 16 days late

Penalty: \$211.20

D. Chandler White:

6-Day Pre-General Report

Due 10/30/02; Filed: 12/9/02 – 40 days late

Penalty: \$998.00

E. Duane Carter; Treasurer, Citizens for Responsibility:

6-Day Pre-General Report

Due 10/30/02; Filed 10/31/02 – 1 day late

Penalty: \$62.50

7. Commission Penalty Determinations:**A. David Deschesne:**

6-Day Pre-General Report

Due 10/30/02; Filed 11/3/02 – 4 days late

Penalty: \$23.12

B. Honorable Edward Dugay:

6-Day Pre-General Report

Due 10/30/02; Filed 11/2/02 – 3 days late

Penalty: \$310.50

8. Possible Maine Clean Election Act Issues:**A. Susan Dorr:**

Exceeded MCEA distribution by \$211.47 for radio ads

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- B. Cody A. Gillis Sr.:
Exceeded MCEA distribution by \$631.41 for postage, etc. for mailings
- C. Honorable Gary E. Sukeforth
Questionable handling of MCEA funds
- 9. Possible Expenditure Limit Violations:
 - A. William E. Nickerson; Treasurer, Fleet National Bank Political Action Committee:
\$300 contribution to Cianchette for Governor Campaign on 10/24/02 to cover retirement of primary debt
 - B. Jeff Sherman; Treasurer, Libertarian Party of Maine:
\$115 contribution to Davis Hart of which \$100 has been repaid as of letter dated 12/22/02
- 10. Requests for Commission interpretation or action:
 - A. House Republican Fund:
Request for interpretation of 1 M.R.S.A. §1015(3)(B) regarding contributions when Legislature is convened
 - B. Kenneth M. Cole III, Esq., Attorney for Standish Town Council:
Request for review of Town Order regarding application of campaign finance reporting Laws to Town of Standish
- 11. Oral briefing by audit team from State Auditor's Office regarding audit of Maine Clean Election Act and Fund.
- 12. Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans' Affairs – 121st Legislature (information)
- 13. Commission Possible Legislative Proposal Ideas for First Session, 121st Legislature (2003)
- 14. Other Miscellaneous as needed.
- 15. Executive Session: If necessary.

ADJOURNMENT